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TAGS: SHUM, PINT, RP
SUBJECT: INCIDENT AT PHILIPPINE CENTER

REF: MANILA 14087

1. WE CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT AMEMBASSY MANILA ATTEMPT
CONVINCE GOP TO ORDER OFFICIALS IN NY TO STOP PRESSING
THE MATTER. CONTINUED PRESSURE BY PHILS IN NY WILL
FORCE NY AUTHORITIES TO MOVE TO PROSECUTE -- THEY ARE
STILL CARRYING THE INCIDENT AS OPEN ON THEIR BOOKS AS
IS THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY. WE WOULD THINK SUCH A
DEVELOPMENT WITH ITS ATTENDANT PUBLICITY AND LIKELY
RESULTS WOULD HARDLY CONDUCE TO GOOD AMERICAN-PHILIPPINE
RELATIONS.

2. SO FAR AS THE HOST COUNTRY RELATIONS COMITE IS
CONCERNED WE SOUGHT TO CONVINCE THE PHILS THAT IT WAS
NOT IN THEIR INTEREST TO HAVE THE MATTER AIRED IN THE
COMITE IN LIGHT OF INEVITABLE ADVERSE PUBLICITY IN
NEW YORK PRESS AND UNSUITABILITY OF US AND GOP WASHING
LINEN IN FRONT OF LIKES OF BULGARIA, IRAQ, MALI AND USSR.

3. WE BELIEVE WE MADE IT CLEAR TO THEM THAT WE WERE
READY AND WILLING TO GO TO COMITE IF THEY WISHED.
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WHETHER PHIL MISSION TO UN UNDERSTOOD IT THAT WAY OR
THOUGHT OR TOLD GOP THEY WERE DOING US A FAVOR IS
ANYBODY'S GUESS. ENTIRE CONDUCT OF MATTER BY GOP AND
ITS NY OFFICIALS HAS BEEN SO ILLOGICAL THEIR PERCEPT-
IVENESS OF ASPECTS OF THE SITUATION ARE ANYBODY'S GUESS.

4. FYI: IT AT LEAST EQUALLY NOT IN OUR INTEREST HAVE

BULGARIA ET AL COMMENTING ON CONDUCT OF NYCPD IN COMITE
NO MATTER HOW WELL POLICE IN FACT HANDLED MATTER. END FYI.

5. IN ANY EVENT WE AGREE THAT IF PHILS RESURRECT IDEA
OF GOING TO HOST COUNTRY COMITE WE SHOULD EXPEND NO
CAPITAL IN TRYING TO DISSUADE THEM BUT RATHER "LET
NATURE TAKE ITS COURSE" INCLUDING NO PULLING OF
PUNCHES ON OUR PART. LEONARD

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